

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, February 14, 2022

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 5:58 pm.

Monthly Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Councilpersons Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney were present. Clerk Diane Cahall, Water Assistant Ralph Satterfield were present. Dustan Russum was out of town.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

No changes to published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting; Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting. Suzanne Whitney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was prepared and presented to members by Diane Cahall. Council reviewed bills to be paid and disbursements during January. There were four properties sold last month: 4736 Irish Hill, Henry Tieman to Bailey Doolittle; \$237,500, , 18 Main Street: GM Homes Eugene Bailey to Aaron Jenkins, \$120,000. 9 West Walnut: Mary Terrell to Preston Collins: \$260,000, 31 East Walnut St. Jack Barnhardt to Anthony MacDonald, \$265,000. All paperwork for disbursement request No.. 11 has been completed and forwarded to DHSS. \$76,261.03 for construction and engineering cost. Buck Dougherty made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Suzanne Whitby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,391,000 gallons of water during January 2022. Pump 2: 599,000 gallons. Pump 3: 792,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 35.4 hours; Pump 3 ran 37.9 hours. Chlorine average is .66 and Fluoride .7. Ralph Satterfield reported: Dressed flags as needed. Had switch replaces in #3 pump house; Dave Thompson Electric; \$527.00. Spot flushed only in January, I will flush hydrants this Thursday, Feb. 17th. Got a quote from Forrest Fence to put the fence back on East Walnut: \$3,174.00. The 16' opening will become a 20' vertical moving right. Helped with flow test. Hydrant at end of East Walnut does not work; was working in September; I am working on problem. Visited 11 West Walnut – very low flow, she is to get a plumber (was low before construction). Water is in need of good flush, will do when we get good weather above 32 degrees. No one want to work on sidewalks by the church due to regulations. Scott fowler suggest we request help from DelDot. Paving pushed to 3rd week of March; all depends on weather; no exact date set.

Cross Connection project; nothing to report.

Lead Service Line Inventory: nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Town Appointments for CY 2020

For Mayor – James Frazier (unanimous)

For Vice Mayor – Scott Fowler (unanimous)

For Town Secretary – Diane Cahall (unanimous)

For Water Operator and Town Assistant – Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield (unanimous)

For Town Solicitor – Barrett Edwards, Esq. (unanimous)

Motioned by Buck Dougherty, seconded by Ryan Clarke, Motion passed.

Lawn Contract:

Buck Dougherty informed council that Robbie Roe would like to provide grass cutting for the town. His cost will be \$140 a cutting. Scott Fowler made a motion to give the contract to Robbie Roe, Jim Frazier seconded the motion. Motion approved. Diane did note that they will have to provide the town with a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier advised council that we have received a grant he applied for from the Delaware Invasive Species Council for \$500. The town has to send the council a receipt in the fall.

Facebook:

Mayor Frazier is updating Facebook and the Town website with new water project reports.

Mail /Package Deliveries: nothing to report.

Curb Painting: on hold until infrastructure water project is complete. .

Traffic Assessment (Follow up):

Mayor Frazier advised that the Kent County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Levy Court Chambers, Room 203. He provided a diagram and information on property located on the south side of Irish Hill Rd. on the west side of Clapham Rd. 1045 ft. south of Thorn St., south of Magnolia. Owner: Iskcon of Delaware, Inc. seeks a variance from the requirement that an interior two-way drive aisle width shall be at least 24 ft. wide, the requirement parking shall be at least 20 ft. from an adjacent residential property line, the minimum parking space requirement for a church or place of worship, and the requirement that churches have a lot frontage of not less than 200 ft. to construct a place of worship.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan Clarke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.
2nd by Buck Dougherty. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Cahall